



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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**DRAFT-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015
MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK – ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair John Steelquist called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **A quorum was established with ten members present.** Note – This 17 member Board requires nine (9) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: John Bigay (Arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Charles Amsterdam (Arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Charles Carole, Diane Chong, Trevor Funk, Philip Hauret, Richard Kawano (Arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Steve Miller, Sam Mitchell, Chuck Reindollar, Isaiah Sabey (Arrived at 6:45 p.m.), John Steelquist, Alexander Wheeler and Susan Young.

Members Absent: Christopher Smith.

Vacancies: There were two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 3.

Guests: James Larson (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office), Susan Andrade, Robert Andrade, Mike Kockler (Office of Representative Della Au Bellati), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Project), Aaron Landry (Car2Go), Lieutenant. S. Silva and Sergeant S. Masaki the III (Honolulu Police Department, District 1-Honolulu); Captain Larry Moore (Honolulu Fire Department, Makiki Station), Michael Cubas (Board of Water Supply), Diane Terada (Catholic Charities Hawaii), Brian Gibson (OahuMPO), Kimo Mansfield, Cathryn Langan (Advocate for Makiki District Park), Patricia Blair (Sounding Joy Music Therapy), Paul Klink, Gary Kurokawa (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative/Deputy Director, Budget and Fiscal Services), Tom Schnell (Honolulu Skyline), Dave Amodo (DVDmodo), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office).

VACANCIES: There were no person present interested in filling a vacancy.

6:32 p.m. Board member John Bigay arrived; **11 members present.**

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Larry Moore reported the following:

- **March 2015 Fire Statistics:** There was 1 structure fire, 2 wildland fires, 2 rubbish fires, and 1 vehicle fire; 71 medical, 3 search and rescues, and 51 miscellaneous calls for service. There were 2 major incidents with 28 companies responding.
- **Smoke Alarms Safety Tip:** Smoke alarms are a very important part of fire safety in the home. Statistics show that working smoke alarms in homes can substantially reduce the risk of fire deaths in residential fires. They alert occupants of smoke and fire 24 hours a day. HFD would like to increase the public's awareness of the importance of smoke alarms and encourages everyone to install a smoke alarm in each bedroom, sleeping area, and on every level in the home. Families are also encouraged to install smoke alarms on behalf of seniors, families, friends, and neighbors.
- **HFD Smoke Alarms for Everyone (SAFE) Program:** The purpose of the program is to install free smoke alarms and educate residents on fire prevention and the importance of testing and maintaining the smoke alarms. Approximately 3,620 smoke alarms have been installed in more than 785 homes since the program's inception in October 2008. The HFD is planning another SAFE installation during summer 2015. Contact the Community Relations Office at 723-7167 if interested in signing up.

6:35 p.m. Board member Richard Kawano arrived; **12 members present.**

Questions, comments and concerns followed: **Responding to Accidents:** Kawano asked and Captain Moore replied that drivers attempt allow emergency responders room to pass. Captain Moore answered for Kawano that the Makiki crew did not respond to the zipper lane incident.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant (Lt.) S. Silva the following:

- March 2015 Crime Statistics Compared with the Previous Month: There were 8/10 motor vehicle thefts, 8/10 burglaries, 41/33 thefts, 11/11 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 14/7 assaults, 10/1 sex assaults, 3/1 graffiti and 4/1 drugs; totaling 1,835/1,755 calls for service.
- Burglary Prevention Safety Tip: The most common threat to a home is burglary. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a burglary occurs every 15 seconds. By definition, the crime of burglary is when a suspect enters a residence or dwelling and commits a crime or offense. Burglaries usually occurs when nobody is home. The following tips to harden the residence to reduce chances of burglaries: Use a solid core or metal door for all entrance points; secure sliding-glass patio doors with a secondary lock; use highly visible alarm decals, beware of dog decals or security watch decal, which have been proven effective; make sure someone cannot reach through an open window and unlock the door; use anti-lift devices to prevent windows from being lifted out; be a good neighborhood; and place valuables in a safe and mark for identification, take pictures of items, catalog valuables; and secure other valuable such as social security cards, passports, and driver's license.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Dog Bite Issues: Mitchell mentioned dog bit issues and that the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS) does not handle dangerous dogs. Mitchell asked if HPD has the facilities and training to deal with the dogs. Lt. Silva replied that HH is responsible for dangerous dogs. If a HPD picks up a dog, the dog is held until retrieved by HHS
2. Burglaries: Chong and her sister's residences were burglarized within a week. Chong asked if there were a spike in burglaries on Nehoa Street. Lt. Silva noted that the numbers have been up the past few weeks.
3. Cat Burglar: Lt. Silva answered for Kawano that there is no confirmation about a cat burglar climbing seven (7) to eight (8) floors of condominiums.
4. Cycle Track: Chong asked who monitors the cycle track, noting seeing people in electric wheelchairs, joggers and others (not bicyclists) using the track .Lt. Silva answered that HPD makes checks if available and follows up on all complaint calls.
5. Mopeds on Sidewalks: Mitchell asked for the laws regarding mopeds riding on sidewalks going in the wrong direction. In response, HPD will address the issue if witnessed.
6. Zipper Lane Incident: Lt. Silva answered for Kawano that HPD does have plans in place to station officers at critical intersections when major incidents occurs.
7. Ward Avenue Accident: Young asked about the accident last Sunday, April 12, 2015 on Ward Avenue and Prospect Street. Lt. Silva explained that a car stop on the top of the hill in a driveway, but the car was not put in park and rolled down Ward Avenue.

7:45 p.m. Board member Isiah Sabey arrived; **13 members present.**

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Michael Cubas reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks: No water main breaks was reported for the month of March 2015.
- Free Educational Materials for Keiki: In support of the Neighborhood Commission Office's "Keiki" month in April, the BWS is offering educational materials for the island's keiki and other community organizations to learn about Oahu's precious water resources. The publications include activity coloring books, water conservation flyers, watershed protection handouts, and water for life booklets. The materials are available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com or for pick up at the BWS headquarters, 630 South Beretania Street or contact the BWS Communications office at 748-5041.
- Water Main Replacement: Work on Iwalena Street started on Monday, April 6, 2015 and will continue until August 2015.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Leak Detection Tablets: Miller thanked BWS for the toilet leak detection tablets.
2. Water Conservation: A resident commented understanding that Hawaii could have a drought in the next 20 years. Cubas replied that although there is a reduction in rainfall, BWS has sustainable yield which pumps the correct amount of water. According to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), the future for water is sustainable.
3. Yard Watering: A resident raised concern of neighbors' yards being watered with automatic sprinklers when it is raining. Cubas noted to call 748-5041 to make a report.
4. New Developments: A resident raised concerns asking where the water would come from for new developments such as Hoopili and in Kakaako. Cubas reiterated the sustainable yield explaining that BWS

must approve if there is enough water for new the developments and required to be confirmed by DLNR for approval. BWS does not want to create a cycle of tacking too much water.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) – Pat Lee reported the following:

- Public Transportation: For public transportation in the United States, 2014 was a record-setting year. Americans took almost 11 billion trips on buses, trains and trolleys. The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) annually publishes ridership data collected from transit agencies all across the country. The figures show a national increase of 3.3 percent for ridership on grade-separated rail systems, which include both elevated rail and subways. In 2013, Miami, New York, San Francisco and Atlanta. Boston and Chicago showed increased ridership on their rail systems.
- Completion: When completed, Honolulu's rail system will provided a reliable alternative to driving and help develop livable communities, where people can walk, ride transit, and are less dependent on the automobile for mobility. From downtown Honolulu to the airport, the trip would take only 12 minutes; from Kakaako to Waipahu would take 29 minutes, and from the Kroc Center in East Kapolei to the Ala Moana Center would only take 42 minutes.
- Latest construction highlights: There are about 150 columns erected; more than 205 foundations; about 2,400 segments cast; about 100 spans completed.
- Updates: For traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, please visit the website www.honolulustransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at info@honolulustransit.org.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Bulky Item Pick Up: A resident asked if the City is adamant abiding by the rules for bulky item pick up. Mitchell relayed that Kinau Street is long with different blocks, and difficult to identify which area was missed. A Honolulu transfer station was suggested. Chair Steelquist added calling the City and was informed that the truck was broken.

CITY REPORTS:

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: A representative was not present; a written report was provided.

City Councilmember Carol Fukunaga: A representative was not present; a written report was provided.

Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Bike Coordinator: Chris Sayers noted receiving some concerns relating to the cycle track.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Deputy Director Gary Kurokawa reported the following:

- 8th Lei Day Celebration-Youth Hawaiian Lei Contest: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will be accepting entries at the Lei Receiving booth at Queen Kapiolani Park, on Friday, May 1, 2015, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Different classes are based on age group for judging.
- Summer Fun Registration and Program: The Summer Fun Program period runs from Friday, June 12, 2015 to Friday, July 24, 2015. Registration for District 3 and 4 is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015 (9:00 a.m. to noon); Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12, 2015 (2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration for District 1 and 2 will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 (9:00 a.m. to noon); and Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and 19, 2015 (2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.).
- "Sew a Lei" for Memorial Day: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) are now accepting donations of ti leaves. Collections begins on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 and ends on Monday, May 18, 2015. Donations can be dropped to the MOCA office (2nd floor of Mission Memorial Building).
- Age Friendly Cities Action Plan: Since last year, the city has been engaged in an effort called Honolulu's Age-Friendly City Initiative. The effort is supported by Mayor Kirk Caldwell and AARP Hawaii, input for a Steering Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee and over 80 representative from public and private sectors. An action Plan was created through the process, a comprehensive plan transforming Honolulu's built environment and encouraging social involvement and healthy aging. The Action plan can be found at www.kupunatokeiki.com. Comment deadline is Friday, April 24, 2015, and may be mailed to the University of Hawaii, Center on Aging, 1960 East West Road, BioMed T7058, Honolulu, Hawaii 968/22 or email: Kupuna2keiki@gmail.com.
- HPD Project Graduation Grants: Deadline for all accredited high schools on Oahu to apply is Friday, May 1, 2015. For more information visit www.honolulupd.org.

- Street Sweepers on Tantalus Drive: The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) responded that the street sweepers were participating in a study to sweep areas that contribute storm water runoff to the Ala Wai canal as part of a baseline report. Although Tantalus was not part of the study, miscommunication with the sweeper operators caused the frequent sweeping to occur. Informed of the error, the street sweepers will sweep the Tantalus area on a less frequent basis.
- Closed Restrooms during Neighborhood Board Meetings: The Department of Parks and Recreations (DPR) notes repeated incidents of vandalism and graffiti at Makiki District Park earlier this year. DPR staff decided to post signs stating "Closed Due to Vandalism" on the Administration building in hopes of deterring further vandalism to the restrooms. Signs were posted for six (6) weeks before removed. DPR apologizes for any inconvenience.
- Request Department of Transportation Representative Attend Neighborhood Board Meeting: As of Monday, April 13, 2015, the NCO has not received a response. DTS has been sent reminders for follow up.
- Punahou Square Alternate Dog Park Site: DPR continues to work with the Advocates for Makiki Community Dog Park to coordinate and plan for an off-leash dog park at Punahou Square. Contact the group by email at makikidogpark@gmail.com.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Rail Tax Extension: Reindollar noted with rail project overrun, what will happen to the community in five (5) years. Deputy Director Kurokawa explained a half percent increase for five (5) years to cover today's projected costs, which is at a shortfall.
2. Bonding Issues: Reindollar asked and Deputy Director Kurokawa noted that the City is borrowing bonds for HART through HART's General Excise Tax (GET) extension. The city usually floats bonds for 20-25 years. The GET sunsets in 2022.
3. Cycle Track: Chong pointed out that the cycle track is being abused by people, not only bicyclists. Chong reported bicyclists riding in the wrong direction, although one-way signs are posted. Chong questioned this being a pilot project (test), who is watching the cycle track or can anybody do anything while using the track. It was commented that HPD monitoring the track has added to the duties. Chong pointed out that the question was posed when the project was presented. The response for monitoring was HPD. Chong stated that HPD is already overworked. Deputy Director Kurokawa will follow up with DTS.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Brian Taniguchi: A representative was not present; a written report was provided.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria: A representative was not present; a written report was provided.

Representative Sylvia Luke: A representative was not present; a written report was provided.

Representative (Rep.) Della Au Belatti: Mike Kockler circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- House Health Committee Chair: As chairperson for the House Health Committee, Rep. Della Au

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present. No report provided. Miller noted that a Governor's representative has not attended a Board meeting for three (3) months. **Miller moved, Mitchell seconded to send a letter from the Board to Governor Ige asking that an Officer of the Governor's Representatives attend Neighborhood Board No. 10 meetings. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 13-0-0 (Aye: Amsterdam, Bigay, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, Miller, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sabey, Steelquist, Wheeler, and Young.**

7:40 p.m. Board member Charles Amsterdam arrived; **14 members present**

PRESENTATIONS:

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO): Executive Director, Brian Gibson presented the following: OahuMPO is a surface transportation planning agency and gave a brief history about the organization. In 1972, the U. S. Department of Transportation passed the Federal Surface Transportation Assistance (FSTA) Act requiring the formation of a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for any urbanized area with a 50,000 or more people. OahuMPO was created by the State Legislature in 1975 through the passage of Chapter 279E, Hawaii Revised Statutes. OahuMPO's function is to coordinate the activities of the 3-C transportation planning process on Oahu. The implementation of the projects is done largely by the City and the State planning and transportation

departments, which are OahuMPO's participating agencies. The OahuMPO is comprised of four parts: Policy Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, Citizen Advisory Committee, and Staff. OahuMPO decides what projects should be done and accepts public input before federal funding is programmed into the project.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Zipper Lane Issue: Kawano commented that the cascade incident lasted until midnight and noted that an investigation should have been conducted the same Kawano raised concern regarding emergency responders and the commuters and asked that the City have a plan. Gordon replied that OahuMPO writes yearly work plans for planning studies. OahuMPO staff reports to a Board of 14 members- 6 from the legislature, FIVE (5) from the Council Transportation Committee and Directors from DTS, HDOT and HART.
2. Rail Restrooms Concern: Mitchell asked if any studies have been done regarding the need for restrooms. Mitchell pointed out that according to the plans the rail station will have only one (1) restroom each. Mitchell stated that the plans does not reflect the need. Gordon answered OahuMPO handled the design scale and where the transit centers should be. Mitchell relayed that if the stations are built incorrectly will cause an impact and recommended that a study be conducted.
3. Federal Funding: Miller asked if federal funding is only for federal highways. Gordon noted that federal surfaces transportation money spent must go through OahuMPO. Miller questioned if OahuMPO is only an advisory board.

Carole moved, Miller seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 asks the OahuMPO policy committee to have one (1) person from the CAC committee serve on the policy committee.

Discussion followed: (1) Chair Steelquist asked if citizens are on the decision making policy committee. (2) Kawano asked why a CAC member is denied. Gordon noted that the Hawaii Revised Statutes 271 E law decides who serves. It is required that new members sever by an act of the legislature. Senate Bill 1180 the identification of who serves. (3) It was noted that the island of Maui is starting its own MPO. (4) Young inquired about the OahuMPO structure. **The motion was ADOPTED 13-0-1 (Aye: Bigay, Carole, Chong Funk, Hauret, Kawano, Miller, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sabey, Steelquist, Wheeler and Young; Nay: 0 Abstain: Amsterdam).**

Kawano moved, Mitchell seconded asking for study regarding the zipper lane incident. The motion was ADOPTED, 13-0-1 (Aye: Bigay, Carole, Chong Funk, Hauret, Kawano, Miller, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sabey, Steelquist, Wheeler and Young; Nay: 0 Abstain: Amsterdam).

Mitchell moved, Funk seconded that the rail stations restroom issue be reconsidered to more than one (1) restroom. Once it is built the plans would be hard to change. The motion was ADOPTED, 12-0-1 (Aye: Bigay, Carole, Chong Funk, Hauret, Kawano, Miller, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sabey, Steelquist, Wheeler and Young; Nay: 0 Abstain: Amsterdam).

NEW BUSINESS: There were no business to be discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Skyline Honolulu: Tom Schnell provided the following update to the March 2015 concerns: There will be no access through the private lane and no second building in back of the first. The house currently on the back lot will be renovated. The back building will remain a duplex. Units for the development will be 105.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Private Lane Driveway: Schnell answered for Young that the private lane would not be used. Access will remain the same for residents of the private lane. No development construction vehicles will utilize the private lane; all will enter via Prospect Street.
2. Traffic going Around the Bend: Young raised a concern regarding traffic going around the bend during and after construction. Young reiterated that the traffic issue was brought up at March's Board meeting. Young noted bringing up the issue at last month's meeting pointing out that the attendee with Skyline Honolulu said that there would be no problem. Schnell answered that the bank will be cut back for better line of sight. Young relayed a news article about a Nu`uanu Project noting that the wall caused fun-offs. Young inquired what to prevent the Nu`uanu situation from occurring on Prospect Street. Schnell noted that per Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) a construction management plan is required. Young stated

that although DPR approves a plan, if something occurs DPR is out of the picture. Young asked and Schnell noted consideration of a stoplight before the bend depends on the results of the traffic study. Furthermore, Young noted that 105 units will drastically impact the community.

3. Thank You: Resident Frank Robes thanked Schnell for taking into account the access road, which is substandard, but grandfathered in.
4. Variiances: Concern was raised that DPP granted the permits with no variances, allowing the height to exceed 30 feet in the Punchbowl Special District area. Schnell clarified that the developer is not asking for more than the allowed area variances (40 feet height). The Land Use Ordinance (LUO) allows for elevator shafts. This long incubation project was approved in 2007 and realigned. The site is difficult to build on. The turn on Prospect Street will be turned over to the City through a deed, but the developer paying for the work. Robes suggested that the sidewalk be cutback more.
5. Comment: Young noted currently tree trimming at a residence has impacted the community with a one (1) lane closure in the opposite direction. Young suggested that all work be timed.

Makiki District Park: No report was provided.

King Street Cycle Lanes: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Thomas Square Update: No report was provided

Dog Park Update: Cathryn Langan reported a letter was received (attached to the agenda) to the Board from the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) in support of the creation of an off-leash park at Punahou Square Park. DPR opposed the original site and was awaiting for a decision from the Neighborhood Board in support or not. Langan noted that the last update to the website www.makikidogpark@gmail.com was in August 2014.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Approval of the March 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Without objections, the March 19, 2015 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT as circulated, 14-0-0 (Aye: Amsterdam, Bigay, Carole, Chong, Funk Hauret, Kawano, Miller, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sabey, Steelquist, Wheeler and Young).**

Treasurer's Report: Treasure Chong reported March 2015 expenditures of \$25.76 for printing and mailing, leaving a balance of \$279.48. The report was filed.

COMMITTEES: There were no committees report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- CarFit: Diane Kurato of Catholic Charities Hawaii announced that there will be free CarFit checkups on Saturday, May 2, 2015, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Catholic Charities Hawaii, 1822 Keeaumoku Street. Call 524-4777 for more information.
- Next Meeting: The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the Makiki District Park.
- Broadcasts: The meetings can be viewed on `Olelo FOCUS 49 at 9:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month; and again on the first and third Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant;
Reviewed by: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant;
Final Review by: John Steelquist, Chair